They are not permitted to carry any news and current affairs programs in their broadcast. Since the guidelines are already in place, no fresh guidelines are proposed to be issued. The assignment of frequencies and grant of wireless operating license for all wireless stations including FM broadcast stations by Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of the Department of Telecom is governed by the Indian telegraph Act, 1885.

FDI in Broadcasting sector

†356. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating for increasing percentage of foreign capital investment in broadcasting sector of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the new proposal;

(c) what are the reasons for considering this proposal; and

(d) what is the approved percentage of foreign capital investment in broadcasting sector of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the present provision following foreign investment limits have been prescribed for different sub-sectors within the Broadcasting sector:

FM Radio	FDI+ FII invesment upto 20%
Cable Network	49% (FDI+ FII)
Direct-to-Home	49% (FDI+ FII) Within this limit, FDI component not to exceed 20%
Setting up hardware facilities such as up-linking HUB, etc.	49% (FDI+ FII)
Up-linking a News & Current Affairs TV Channel	26% 49% FDI+ FII
Up-linking a Non-news & Current Affairs TC channel	100%

Notification of service condition rules after constitution of Prasar Bharati

357. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after constitution of Prasar Bharati in 1990, the rules for regularization, transfer and other service conditions have not been notified so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after the formation of Prasar Bharati, Doordarshan and AIR have become a safe ground for IAS, IPS, CSS and IFS officers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether Government would form policies to promote professional officers from within Doordarshan and AIR and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The regulation with regard to recruitment, remuneration and service conditions in respect of 122 categories of employees of Prasar Bharati have since been notified and the regulations in respect of remaining categories of employees are ready in draft form. However, these regulations could not be implemented, as these were not acceptable to the various Employees Associations. The matter has been referred to Group of Ministers (GoM) for taking a decision. The consideration of the matter by GoM is in final stage.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Professional officers from within Doordrashan and All India Radio are regularly promoted when their promotion is due.

Poor DTH signals of DD during rains

358. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every time it rains, the DTH signals go on the blink and 'No signal' appears on the screen;

(b) if so, whether this is a system fault, as is often told by DTH helplines;

(c) how this state of affairs is going to be rectified to make uninterrupted availability of signals during rains; and

(d) whether this problem is peculiar to DTH of DD, as in other DTH Service Providers' systems, the viewers do not face this situation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) DTH signals (in Ku Band) get attenuated due to rain and this causes interruption in the service, depending upon the intensity of the rain.

(b) The abvoe interruption is not a system fault. It is a propagation characteristic of signal in Ku Band.

(c) To minimize interruptions in DTH service due to rain, uplink power control has been provided by Doordarshan at its DTH uplinking centre, which compensates the loss of signal due to rain attenuation to a certain extent.

(d) Problem of attenuation of DTH signals (Ku Band) due to rain is there in case of all DTH service providers and is not peculiar to Doordarshan.

Installation of HPT/VLPT in the country

359. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for installation of HPT/VLPT in the coutnry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the name of the area and amount sanctioned to each HPT/VLPT;

(c) whether Government had received a representation which was forwarded by Prime Minister's office in the month of August, 2007 for installation of VLPT for Ransar Valley in District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh; and